## <u>Amendment</u>

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 2, line 26 and ending at page 3, line 14 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

--When a print medium is inserted into the printing apparatus and the print

operation is started, the same or different images are printed at separate appropriate positions on the medium. After printing, the user separates the printed images from each other along the lines of perforations 2, 3. Printing the images beyond the lines of perforations is not desirable as this will print the images 4 one upon the other and disturb them (overlap printing). The print medium transport performance of the ink jet printing apparatus and variations in the size of the print medium normally result in print position

deviations of the order of a few millimeters. Hence, it is conventional practice to print a

smaller image a few millimeters inside the lines of perforations.--

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